

# ICMA NEWS

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*Newsletter of Indian Confectionery  
Manufacturers Association*

*A sneak peek of what's inside:*

ICMA Annual Conference 2024,  
Regulatory Updates and more...

## Welcome to the Fourth Edition of the

Indian Confectionery  
Manufacturers  
Association Newsletter!

As we embrace new opportunities and  
celebrate our shared achievements, the  
Indian Confectionery Manufacturers  
Association continues to innovate,  
inspire, and delight.

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tomorrow, together!.

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*"May 2025 be your Year of  
Growth, Gratitude, and  
Great Achievements."*

## Highlights from the August Monthly Meeting:

- ▶ Mr. Prabhakar Mishra discussed the Deposit Refund Scheme which was launched through the Official Gazette issued by the Government of Goa. DRS means a process or scheme where a refundable deposit secured on a DRS Product shall be refunded on the return of the product at the collection point to a Redeemer. He further issues faced by the brand owners due to DRS.
- ▶ Ms. Ranjeet Kaur informed members about the submission of representation on issues regarding the obligation of reuse in Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016 to the Central Pollution Control Board further she discussed to provide codex training to the members which was followed by the discussion on the regulatory updates by Ms. Shipra Sehgal Chairman Regulatory Committee.
- ▶ Mr Amrinder Singh Dhiman discussed the issues faced by the member for the export of Candy sticks and the members in the meeting decided to submit the representation to the authorities.

## Highlights from the Annual General Meeting:

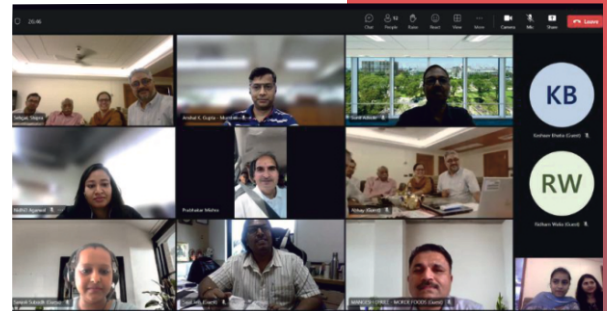
- ▶ Ms Ranjeet Kaur from Mars Wrigley discussed the issues faced by the brand Owners in the obligation to Reuse the Rigid packaging (category I) from 2025-26 under the plastic waste management rules 2016 which was followed by the discussion on the regulatory updates by Ms. Shipra Sehgal Chairman Regulatory Committee.
- ▶ Ms. Garima Rohilla, ICMA Secretariat discussed the ICMA updates of the year 2024.
- ▶ The Financial Statement for F/Y 2023-2024 of the ICMA was presented by Mr. Pankaj Gupta from Kumar Pankaj & Company.
- ▶ As per one of the agenda items ICMA conducted an election for the position of president and Vice-President. The election process was managed and coordinated independently by Mr. Pankaj Gupta from Kumar Pankaj & Company. The outcome of the election process the positions of the President and the Vice-President were held by the following person:

**President-** Mr. Prabhakar Mishra from  
Perfetti Van Melle Pvt Ltd

**Vice-President-** Ms. Ranjeet Kaur  
from Mars Wrigley

## Highlights from the November Monthly Meeting:

- ▶ Ms. Shipra Sehgal Chairman Regulatory Committee discussed the regulatory updates followed by the discussion of the representation submitted by the FICCI on warning sweeteners by Mr. Saurabh Gupta from Perfetti Van Melle .
- ▶ Garima Rohilla discussed the work ICMA is doing on the issue faced by the members on Obligation for reuse mentioned in Schedule 7.4 of Plastic Waste Management Rules 2024 as amended on 27 April 2023 which will be applicable from year 2025-2026.



## Highlights from the January Monthly Meeting:

- ▶ Mr. Vaibhav Mangal from Perfetti Van Melle having expertise in taxation was invited in the meeting to discuss the GST rate structure issue of 12% & 18% under chapter heading 1704 as sugar boiled confectionary. The members of ICMA raised concerns regarding notices received by confectionery manufacturers and related tax demands.
- ▶ Ms. Garima Rohilla from ICMA discussed the ICMA Updates which was followed by the discussion on the regulatory updates by Ms. Shipra Sehgal Chairman Regulatory Committee.
- ▶ Mr. Ranjeet Kaur, ICMA Vice-President discussed the meeting attended by the ICMA on PWM Rules at MoEFCC and CPCB. The ICMA invited Mr. Abhishek Garg to discuss the recent updates under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended)
- ▶ Resolution were passed in the meeting regarding the bank accounts of ICMA.



On 31 December 2025, ICMA delegates met FSSAI authorities to discuss the Provision for Quarterly Submission of Data Regarding Rejected and Expired Food items by FSSAI.



# Towards Compliance: ICMA's Initiatives Under Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016

## Meetings with the Jar Suppliers

ICMA conducted a meeting with the Jar Suppliers every month on the issues faced by the brand Owners in the obligation to Reuse the Rigid packaging (category I) from 2025-26 which will definitely affect the Jar Suppliers as well. ICMA discussed with the Jar Suppliers how ICMA is submitting representations with the authorities and discussing the difficulties, and consequences faced in the obligation of reuse of rigid containers by the brand owners in confectionery industry.



## Submitted Representation to the Authorities



The Indian Confectionery Manufacturers Association (ICMA) has formally submitted a representation to the relevant authorities, advocating for the removal of the obligation to reuse of rigid containers. In their appeal, ICMA has addressed the following key authorities with detailed requests:

1. **MOEFCC**- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. **CPCB**- Central Pollution Control Board
3. **MOFPI**- Ministry of Food Processing Industries



On 6 December 2024, ICMA attended an 'Interactive session on Implementation of EPR Guidelines regarding Reuse and Use of Recycled Content in Plastic Packaging' at CPCB and raised the concerns of the ICMA members regarding the obligation of Re-Use. On 14 January 2025, ICMA attended the meeting conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and raised the concerns of ICMA members.



On 17 January 2025, the ICMA team meets Minister of Commerce and Industry joint secretary to submit the representation regarding reuse of rigid Plastic packaging. The meeting was conducted among the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and ICMA.



On 27 January 2025, ICMA delegation met CEO, FSSAI to represent the ICMA concerns in respect of rigid plastic re-use obligation starting April 2025





## ICMA Participated in World Food India 2024

*For the first time in its history, ICMA has participated in the World Food India 2024 which increases the visibility of ICMA*

ICMA collaborated with the FICCI and got a complimentary space in the Annapoorna 2024 and World Food India 2024.

ICMA exhibited to increase the visibility of ICMA and to promote their members' products.



# Regulatory Updates

## FSSAI reduces 50 % of the testing fee for Pan-India Surveillance :

FSSAI is exclusively conducting PAN India surveillance programs on food products to gather data for food safety monitoring, risk assessment, identifying hotspots of adulteration, and setting standards. The testing fee for Pan-India Surveillance regularly being conducted by FSSAIHQ, is reduced by 50%.



## Nationwide Extension of provision for Instant (Tatkal) issuance of License/Registration in certain categories of food businesses:

FSSAI has now extended the provision for Instant (Tatkal) issuance of License/ Registration in certain categories of Food Businesses nationwide excluding the state/UT of Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, and Meghalaya. The provision will be implemented in these states/UTs after incorporating State-specific requirements.



## Draft Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2024 relating to comprehensive revision of MRL of pesticide

FSSAI issued a draft Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins, and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2024 relating to a comprehensive revision of MRL of pesticides which includes new MRLs set for a variety of pesticides across numerous food categories including fruits, vegetables, grains, and oils, and Comprehensive revisions for several commonly used pesticides, ensuring food safety compliance.



## Mandatory PAN compliance for FSSAI License/Registration

Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued an order based on the recommendation made by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) regarding 'PAN' as a business identity PAN has been mandatory for applying new license/ Registration or its renewal or modification, with effect from 22 October 2024.





# Regulatory Updates

## Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) First Amendment Regulations, 2024 relating to Peanut butter, FRK, Oligofructose etc.

This draft states that Oligofructose can now be included as an ingredient in various types of confectionery products. These include cocoa and chocolate products, imitation chocolate, chocolate substitutes, hard and soft candies, nougats, marzipans, chewing gum, decorative elements for fine baked goods, non-fruit toppings, and sweet sauces. The inclusion of oligofructose in such products shall not exceed a maximum level of 10%.



## Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Green washing or Misleading Environmental Claims, 2024

The guidelines are designed to prevent companies from making false or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of their products or services (greenwashing), ensuring transparency and accuracy in environmental marketing. It includes key provision:

1. Clear Definition,
2. Transparency Requirements,
3. Prohibition of Misleading Terms,
4. Third-Party Certifications,
5. Adequate disclosure

## Validity of FSSAI recognised Food Testing Laboratories

FSSAI recognised laboratories along with the validity of their NABL accreditation as on 12 December, 2024 and contact details is enclosed herewith for the purpose of carrying out the analysis of food samples taken under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Rules and Regulations made there under.



## Provision for Quarterly Submission of Data Regarding Rejected and Expired Food items by FSSAI

FSSAI has issued an order to ensure that rejected/expired food items are not being rebranded and sold for human consumption under the guise of cattle feed, a new provision is being introduced in the FoSCoS for the quarterly submission of information by FSSAI Licensed Food Manufacturers including Repacker and Relabeller] & Importers on the following:

- 1.Quantity of Rejected Food Items
- 2.Quantity of Expired Products
- 3.Action Taken with Rejected/Expired Items



# International Regulatory Updates

## U.S. FDA Proposes Front-of-Package Nutrition Labels

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has proposed introducing front-of-package labels to provide simplified, at-a-glance nutrition information. This initiative aims to help consumers make informed choices more quickly and address challenges posed by detailed nutritional information on the back of packages.



## USDA and FDA Seek Public Input on Food Date Labeling

USDA and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a joint Request for Information (RFI) about food date labeling, which includes the usage of terms such as “Sell By,” “Use By” and “Best By.” The RFI is seeking information on industry practices and preferences for date labeling, research results on consumer perceptions of date labeling, and any impact date labeling may have on food waste and grocery costs.



## Removal of Benzene-1,2-diol as a Flavoring Substance by EU

The EU announced the removal of the flavoring substance Benzene-1,2-diol (FL No. 04.029) from the list of authorized substances, reflecting ongoing evaluations of food additive safety.



## Codex Alimentarius Commission Adopts New Standards

The Codex Alimentarius Commission, during its 47th session held from November 25–30, 2024, adopted new food safety and quality standards, reinforcing international efforts to ensure food safety and fair trade practices.



# Upcoming Events

## AAHAR 2025

**Date : March 4-8, 2025**

**Venue- Bharat Mandapam (New Delhi).**

AAHAR - The International Food & Hospitality Fair is a flagship B2B event organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), the premier trade promotion body of the Government of India. The 39 th edition of the event will be organised from



## Snack & Bake Tec 2025

**Date- April 03 - 05, 2025**

**Venue- Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai,**

India's only trade fair dedicated to complete solutions for the Snacks, Bakery & Confectionery industries.

In conjunction with Inter FoodTech and Pac MechEx, Snack & BakeTec offers a comprehensive showcase of cutting-edge solutions designed to enhance efficiency and productivity in the industry.



## Chocolate & Bakery Expo 2025

**Date- 23-25 April 2025**

**Venue- Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, India**

CHOCOLATE & BAKERY EXPO is a first-of-its-kind in India, exclusively focusing on a varied spectrum of Chocolate, Bakery & Candy sectors.



## MOBAC SHOW 2025

**Date- February 18- 21, Friday**

**Venue- Intex Osaka (Nankou), 5-102 Nankou-Kita 1, Suminoe-ku, Osaka City, JAPAN**

MOBAC SHOW 2025 to promote development of new technologies and new products through the show dedicated to bakery and confectionery machinery, raw materials and sub-materials, packaging machines, other equipment and tools related to bakery and confectionery.



ICMA thanks every member for engagement in our association's activity and looking forward for the member's continued involvement in shaping the future of our association.

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